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Letter dated 17 August 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for 16 and 17 August 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 17 August 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (16 August 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 26 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 18 in Ladhiqiyah, 7 in Aleppo and 1 in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported seven incidents of gunfire: five in Idlib Governorate and two in Hama Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian operation.

In Rastan, Homs Governorate, 650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed.

In total, 1,896 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,908.66 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 226 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 88,152 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is 2,518.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (17 August 2018)

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The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 25 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 12 in Ladhiqiyah, 11 in Aleppo and 2 in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported three incidents of gunfire: two in Idlib Governorate and one in Hama Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out two humanitarian operations.

- In Hatla, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate, 650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed.
- In Jasim, Dar'a Governorate, 650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed.

In total, 1,898 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,914.26 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 14 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 88,166 residents.

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